

INTER-ISLAND INSPECTION PROTOCOL FOR COQUI FROG.

Non-commercial Sources:

Protocol:

1. All plants will undergo 100% inspection;
2. Only lots up to 12 plants or at inspectors discretion, otherwise shipment will be inspected as a commercial uncertified nursery;
3. Plants shall be trimmed and cleaned of dead leaves, rubbish in pots, and weeds, etc.
4. If no frogs are found, affix 'Passed' sticker
5. Supplier shall be responsible for all costs incurred for the return or destruction of shipments infested with coqui.

Commercial Sources:

Certified Nurseries:


- A. Develop list of certified nurseries that ship inter-island.
- B. Survey certified nurseries for the presence of coqui frog. Each nursery will be surveyed bi-annually.

a. Verified Frog-Infested Certified Nurseries:

1. Definition: coqui frogs found in certified area and/or on property within 100 yards of certified area.
2. Protocol:
 - a) HDOA shall notify nursery of infestation;
 - b) All self-certification privileges for interisland shipping will be suspended;

Plants may be shipped interisland under the following conditions:

1. Plants shall be trimmed and cleaned of dead leaves, rubbish in pots, and weeds, etc;
2. Nursery has the option of treating the plants to flush out frogs or bringing the plants to a staging area for inspection;

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- a. Frog flushing/treatment protocol:
 - i. Shipment of plants shall be treated at the nursery site, under HDOA supervision, with Pyronyl, pyrethrin, 16% citric acid and rinsed after 1 hour, or other approved chemicals to flush out frogs;
 - ii. Shipment shall be shipped on the day of treatment or safeguarded in a frog-free area or container.
 - b. Staging Area Protocol:
 - i. Shipments shall be brought to a designated staging area and held for a minimum of one night inspection for frog infestation;
 - ii. Nursery shall provide manpower to unload and load shipment;
 - iii. Shipment will be denied if frogs are found in the shipment until treated with an approved treatment;
 - 3. Affix 'Passed' sticker on shipments found apparently free of frogs or on shipments that have been treated;
 - 4. Nursery shall be responsible for all costs incurred for inspection including overtime costs, meals, and mileage reimbursement;
 - 5. Buyer/supplier shall be responsible for all costs incurred for the return or destruction of shipments infested with coqui.
- b. Apparently Frog-Free Certified Nurseries:**
- 1. Definition: coqui frogs found on adjacent property but not found on property within 100 yards of certified benches.
 - 2. Protocol:
 - a) Will be allowed to self-certify inter-island shipments with 'Passed' sticker;
 - b) Shipments are subject to inspection at receiving ports;
 - c) Shipments may be surveyed more frequently than 'frog-free' nurseries;
 - d) If frogs are found in shipments, nursery will be placed on 'Verified Frog-Infested' list;
 - e) Buyer/supplier shall be responsible for all costs incurred for the return or destruction of shipments infested with coqui.
- c. Frog-Free Certified Nurseries:**

1. Definition: coqui frogs not found on nursery property, in certified area, or on adjacent property.
2. Protocol:
 - a) Will be allowed to self-certify inter-island shipments with 'Passed' sticker;
 - b) Shipments may be subject to inspection at receiving ports;
 - c) If frogs are found in shipments, nursery will be placed on 'Verified Frog-Infested' list;
 - d) Buyer/supplier shall be responsible for all costs incurred for the return or destruction of shipments infested with coqui.

Uncertified Nurseries/Landscape nurseries (nursery not surveyed for coqui or known to have coqui present):

Definition: Uncertified nurseries that have not been surveyed for coqui frogs or uncertified nurseries with plants of their own source that are verified frog-infested.

Protocol:

1. Plants shall be trimmed and cleaned of dead leaves, rubbish in pots, and weeds, etc;
2. Shipments subject to 'Little Fire Ant' test and inspection for other pests of quarantine significance;
3. Nursery has the option of treating the plants to flush out frogs or bringing the plants to a staging area for inspection;
 - a. Frog flushing/treatment protocol:
 - i. Shipment of plants shall be treated at the nursery site, under HDOA supervision, with Pyronyl, pyrethrin, 16% citric acid and rinsed after 1 hour, or other approved chemicals to flush out frogs;
 - ii. Shipment shall be shipped on the day of treatment or safeguarded in a frog-free area or container.
 - b. Staging Area Protocol:
 - i. Shipments shall be brought to a designated staging area and held for a minimum of one night inspection for frog infestation;
 - ii. Nursery shall provide manpower to unload and load shipment;

- iii. Shipment will be denied if frogs are found in the shipment until treated with an approved treatment.
4. Affix 'Passed' sticker on shipments found apparently free of frogs or on shipments that have been treated;
5. Nursery shall be responsible for all costs incurred for inspection including overtime costs, meals, and mileage reimbursement;
6. Buyer/supplier shall be responsible for all costs incurred for the return or destruction of shipments infested with coqui.

Uncertified Nurseries with plants of their own source (nursery surveyed for coqui):

Definition: Property surveyed bi-annually and coqui frogs not found on property. Source plants have been grown in the nursery for a period of 3-4 months and nursery does not have a history of shipping infested plants or other infractions with the Department.

Protocol:

1. Interisland shipments will be inspected at PIO;
2. Shipments subject to 'Little Fire Ant' test and inspection for other pests of quarantine significance;
3. 'Passed' sticker will be placed on shipments that pass inspection;
4. Shipments are subject to inspection at receiving ports;
5. Shipments may be surveyed/monitored more frequently;
6. If frogs are found in shipments, nursery will be placed on 'Verified Frog-Infested' list;
7. Buyer/supplier shall be responsible for all costs incurred for the return or destruction of shipments infested with coqui frogs.